

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
December 13, 2010
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Important Dates

Dec. 16	Social Studies & Science Test
Dec 17	Ethnic Fest
Jan. 7	2nd Book Report Due - Novel Rewrite
Jan. 14	Guilder Field Trip - Lake Theater

Dear Families,

Report cards were sent home with students last Friday. Please review the report card with your child, sign the back of the envelope it was sent in and return that envelope to school with your child. Students who return their envelopes on Monday, December 13th will receive 2 Guilders and those who return their envelopes on Tuesday, December 14th will receive 1 Guilder.

Congratulations to our fabulous Holmes Reading Olympics team who won first place at the district level competition last Friday! The championship torch is now hanging in the Holmes media center. Way to Gracie, Maggie and Emma! Your hard work paid off!

Ethnic Fest 2010 – A 5th Grade Holiday Celebration!

When: Friday, December 17, 2010, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
What: A bite-sized batch of your special holiday food for 25 or so. Please no nuts due to allergies.
Where: Send to school that day with your child, or deliver to the Multipurpose room by 1:00 p.m.
The dish must be ready to serve; there is no way to heat at school. Please label the food by name and nationality, and put your name on any dishes.

IT'S COMING!

We are very excited to announce Holmes School's participation in the ***One School, One Book*** program. "***One School, One Book*** is a program designed to create a shared reading experience within a single elementary school community." The Holmes School Improvement Team has chosen a book that will be revealed in January. Be on the lookout for our One School, One Book kickoff event!

SPECIALS

Spanish

Students have acted out and recorded the story with their groups. They are fantastic actors! They will be having an oral and written test next week on the story. Students can still read the story to someone for 10 extra points. <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>



Reading/Literature

We will continue on with the Open Court Unit Making a New Nation by reading the narrative poem, The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, and a short non-fiction piece about the Declaration of Independence. We will also begin to review a few of the types of figurative language.

Math

Graded unit tests will be returned to students by Wednesday. Please review the test with your child, and if a signature has been requested, please sign and return. We are now done with rational numbers for several months and will turn our focus to geometry. This week, we will work on graphing points in the coordinate plane. We will also discuss translations, rotations and reflections. We will return to fractions, decimals and percents in March of next year.

Science

This week, the students will be taking the variables test. We will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing and the students will be bringing home their variables journals so they can prepare at home. On Wednesday, the students will be working individually to complete a hands on investigation and the test will be on Thursday.

Social Studies

Our test on the Thirteen Colonies is scheduled for this **Thursday, December 16**. Each student received a study guide in class on Friday and we reviewed each section. It is also on the Social Studies section of the Wiki in case your child needs to print it from home.

This week we will continue to study the French and Indian War and early conflicts with Britain that led to the American Revolution.

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